

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain in this application. Claims 17-24, directed to a non-elected invention, are canceled above.

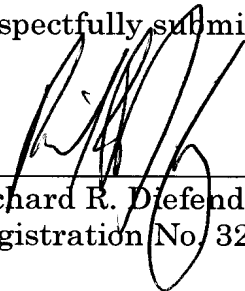
The allowance of claims 1-16 is noted with appreciation. The drawing amendment referred to above should eliminate the objection set forth on page 2 of the Office Action, and this application should now be in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No. 105743.56304US.

Respectfully submitted,

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